

<b>Abstract</b>
<p><b>Lead Applicant / Organization Name:</b> Central Community College</p>
<p><b>Lead Applicant entity type:</b> H: Institution of Higher Education</p>
<p><b>Lead Applicant City and State:</b> Grand Island, Nebraska</p>
<p><b>Select Grant Category:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> State Apprenticeship System Building and Modernization: up to \$4 million</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of RAP Opportunities for Youth: up to \$5 million</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ensuring Equitable RAP Pathways Through Pre-apprenticeship Leading to RAP Enrollment and Equity Partnerships: up to \$3 million</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Apprenticeship Hubs: up to \$4 million for local, up to \$6 million for regional, and up to \$8 million for national.</p>
<p><b>If applying for the Set-Aside, please select the primary focus:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Equity partnerships and pre-apprenticeship activities, or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Equity partnerships only, or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pre-apprenticeship activities only</p> <p>If applying for the set-aside, please ensure your Project Narrative clearly addresses guidelines described in Section II.A. Award Type and Amount</p>
<p><b>Project Title:</b> Earn and Learn: Establishing Valuable Apprenticeship Training &amp; Education (ELEVATE)</p>
<p><b>Funding Amount Requested:</b> \$ 3,962,324</p>

**Applicants Geographic Scope of Proposed Project:**

59 counties in central and eastern Nebraska including: Adams, Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dawson, Dixon, Fillmore, Franklin, , Furnas, Gage, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearney, Keya Paha, Knox, Lancaster, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Richardson, Rock, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Thayer, Thurston, Valley, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, York.

**Number of apprentices enrolled in RAPs during the life of the grant:**

120

**Population(s) to be served:**

underserved rural areas and underserved minority populations

**Required Partners:** (Organization name and entity type)

Name	Type of Organization
MetalQuest	Employer
Lincoln Tool & Design Co.	Employer
Duncan Aviation	Employer
Nucor Vulcraft Nebraska	Employer
Michell Equipment	Employer
Lincoln Manufacturing Council	Industry Association
Hastings Area Manufacturers Association	Industry Association
Nebraska Trucking Association	Industry Association
Central Community College	Group/Intermediary Sponsor and Post-Secondary Education Institution
Southeast Community College	Group/Intermediary Sponsor and Post-Secondary Education Institution
Northeast Community College	Group/Intermediary Sponsor and Post-Secondary Education Institution
Nebraska Department of Labor, State Apprenticeship Office	Apprenticeship agency
Greater Lincoln Workforce Development Board	Workforce development board
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**Optional Partners:** (Organization name and entity type)

Name	Type of Organization
Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development	Economic Development
Southeast Nebraska Development District	Economic Development
Hastings Economic Development Corporation	Economic Development
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce	Chamber
Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce	Chamber

Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce	Chamber
South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce	Chamber
City of Norfolk	City
City of South Sioux City	City

**Project Purpose:**

Create a multi-network partner Registered Apprenticeship hub of three partner community colleges and other support partners to serve 59 counties (50% of the state population) to expand the utilization of registered apprenticeships in rural Nebraska and support participating employers in their adoption of the registered apprenticeship model.

**Subrecipient Activities:**

Subrecipients (Northeast Community College and Southeast Community College) activities will mirror those of the lead applicant, working collaboratively to build a regional RAP hub, conducting promotion and outreach, serving as a resource to participating employers and serving as a Group/Intermediary RAP Sponsor.

**List of Credential(s) to be awarded:**Certificates:

CNC Manufacturing, General Manufacturing, Plastic Mold Maker, Tool & Die, Basic Mechanics (Diesel), Diesel Electrical, Diesel Engine Performance, Hydraulics (Diesel), Truck Systems, Drafting and Design Technology, Commercial Wiring, Electrical Fundamentals, Residential Wiring, Automation, Control Systems, Fluid Power, Industrial Technology, Instrumentation, Process Control, Advanced Welding, Manual Welding, Production Welding, Cisco Networking, Cybersecurity, Information Technology and Systems Concepts

Diplomas: Advanced Manufacturing Design, Diesel Technology, Architectural Design, Manufacturing Drafting and Design Technology, Structural Detailing and Design, Residential (Electrical), Heavy Equipment Operator Technician, Mechatronics, Welding Technology, Information Technology and Systems, Precision Machining, HVAC, Electrical & Electromechanical Technology

Associate Degrees: Advanced Manufacturing Design Technology, Diesel Technology, Drafting & Design Technology, Electrical Technology, Heavy Equipment Operator Technician, Mechatronics, Welding Technology, Information Technology and Systems, HVAC, Electrical & Electromechanical Technology, Electronic Systems Technology

Industry Recognized Credential: OSHA 10-hour certification, Cisco Networking

**SUMMARY OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:**

Project ELEVATE will expand the utilization of registered apprenticeships in rural central and eastern Nebraska through activities centered on promotion/outreach, education, and employer supports. By acting as Group/Intermediary RAP sponsors, ELEVATE colleges will reduce the burden on employers in developing and sponsoring apprenticeships. The colleges will develop apprenticeship occupations, utilizing their educational programs and courses as the required related training, in collaboration with industry advisors. ELEVATE's apprenticeship hub will conduct outreach and education to help employers better understand what registered apprenticeships are and how they can be implemented in their businesses by partnering with ELEVATE.

ELEVATE will create a variety of technical assistance resources in multiple languages to be used for marketing, promotion, education, and training purposes, included a flagship apprentice mentor training program. The program staff will leverage their multi-network partnerships to expand the reach of their marketing efforts and work to establish new relationships with organizations that serve minority populations throughout the region.

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